

Great Central U.S. ShakeOut Sample Agenda

1. Introduction to the ShakeOut: What it is and why it's important

- What is the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut?
 - An earthquake awareness and preparedness drill involving more than 2.8 million people in 14 Central U.S. States;
 - A great opportunity to:
 - Discuss earthquake-related hazards and what can be done to prepare for earthquakes in advance; and
 - Practice proper safety techniques in the event of an earthquake.
- Why participate in the ShakeOut?
 - 40 million people live in the Central United States, so one big earthquake could have devastating consequences;
 - Indiana is at risk, particularly because of its proximity to the Wabash Valley Seismic Zone and the New Madrid Seismic Zone, among others.
 - Realize that ground shaking during an earthquake is SELDOM the cause of injury;
 - Most earthquake-related injuries and deaths are caused by collapsing roofs, flying glass and falling objects.
 - Practicing what to do during an earthquake is critical for surviving and minimizing injuries; and
 - Preparing for earthquakes can help communities prepare for all hazards.

2. What to Do For the ShakeOut

- Drop, Cover and Hold On is the basic earthquake safety maneuver for the ShakeOut
 - Drop to the ground;
 - Take cover: protecting head and neck, seek shelter by getting under a sturdy desk or table if nearby; and
 - Hold on to shelter and be prepared to move with it until the shaking stops.
- Remind participants of what **NOT** to do:
 - Do not get in a doorway; and
 - Do not run outside.
- Discuss earthquake preparedness for people with disabilities:
 - Key safety tips for people with disabilities and access or functional needs (2 pages)
- Choose and review an earthquake scenario:
 - Option 1: http://www.shakeout.org/centralus/downloads/6.5_NMSZ_Scenario.pdf
 - Option 2: http://www.shakeout.org/centralus/downloads/6.5_WVSZ_Scenario.pdf
- Evaluate surroundings for potential earthquake hazards using the Earthquake Smart Checklist (<http://www.in.gov/dhs/files/EarthquakeSmartChecklist.pdf>)

3. Perform the Drill! (Most will participate on 10/15/15 at 10:15 a.m.)

- Announce the beginning of the drill via PA system, alarms or verbal direction;
- Everyone should Drop, Cover and Hold on!
- After the all-clear bell sounds, immediately evacuate to the emergency assembly area;
- Debrief and ask for feedback about how the drill went.

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